

## ALEXANDRIA.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 13, 1866.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "There is not even a guess as to when the House will proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution from the reconstruction committee naming the conditions on which Tennessee may resume its relations with the federal government; nor is it known that the committee have recently matured any measures with regard to the Southern States, in addition to those already reported .-The committee continue to examine witnesses daily, thus adding to its already large accumulation of evidence, which, though ordered to be, has not been printed. Enough matter has been collected to make several ponderous volumes.'

Some years ago, the question mooted in the newspapers was-"Have we a Bourbon among us?" It is now-"Have we a Congress?" We certainly have—but what sort of one—that is another question, about which people will have their opinions. Seriously; the idea of Senators Davis and McDougall, that with the restored states not represented in the Senate or House of Representatives, a bill cannot be constitutionally passed into a law, is much comjournals.

Very false statements are put forth, irequently, to the effect that it is not safe for Northern men to settle in the South, and that they are in danger, &c. So far from this being the case, Northern men, who find it to their interest to do so, are every day buying land, building houses, and cultivating crops, in all parts of the South. Those who are mere adventurers, and think they cannot make money, do not stay here. We speak from daily experience, and what we see in this and the neigh-

The further news by the Asia in regard to German affairs, simply intensifies the previously expressed fears of a war between Prussia and Austria. The latter power, however, ac cording to the Vienna papers, will not take the aggressive. Prussia has called upon the gany county last week, aged 79 years. smaller German principalities to state clearly which side they intend to espouse in the quarrel. The London Times cannot yet be persuaded that Austria and Prussia will fight.

Fish, Assistant Commissioner of Freedmen for | to the bill to reimburse the State of Missouri Tennessee and Kentucky, denying the charge for war expenses; and passed the bill allowing made by Governor Brownlow, in a recent speech, that before the passage of the Freedmen's Bureau bill, he (Gen. H.) read it to the printed matter. A bill was also passed to al-President, who approved of it.

The Norfolk Day Book advises the young men of Virginia, to marry, as soon and as quick as they can - especially as there need be no delay, where there are so many beautiful young ladies. They ought not to hesitate because they are poor. Poverty, now, "is a general thing." We are all, nearly, "in the same boat," in that

The excitement on the Canadian frontier in regard to threatened Fenian movements is still very great. The Campo Bello menace does not appear to have been anything more than a Fenian ruse. The Fenians, after holding a council at Eastport, are gradually moving off to other places.

informed by physicians that the mortality among negroes is terrible; for exceeding the proportion that prevailed during the existence grate to the U.S. The conference committee of slavery, and that the producing causes are filth, neglect and over crowded houses."

The innocent mistake of an excited citizen of this place, which we mentioned the other day, when he called the "Freedmen's Bureau," the "Freedmen's Sideboard," has taken; and the newspapers adopted, in many instances, the name.

A Case Under the Civil Rights Bill.

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, April 11.—A colored man named Barnes brought suit against a prominent citizen this morning to enforce a contract. The defendant for answer, sets up that the negro came into the State in violation of the 13th article of the constitution of the & Co., arrested in Fredericksburg on Saturday State of Indiana, which, under pains and pen- last, charged with abstracting certain notes alties, prohibits negroes from coming into the from his employers' safe, was brought before State, and debars them from all rights to en force contracts, etc.

The plaintiff demurs to the answer, maintaining that the 13th article is void and of no land county, in this State, and has, up to the letter and spirit of the constitution of the United States. 2. It is in direct conflict with the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. 3. It is void under the first section of the civil rights till, which gives to all persons born in the United States full right to make and enforce contracts, any law, statute, ordinance. regulation or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The court sustained the demurrer, and the defendant appealed to the Circuit Court, which

The case was submitted to-day and after argument of counsel it was taken under advisement. Judge Gest will probably render a decision to-morrow. Under the second section of the civil rights bill he can only decide in favor of the negro, for the reason that an adverse decision would subject him to the penalty of \$1,000 fine and imprisonment!

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says :- "The President is besought the city, to hang all the traitors in a row, with at home are represented as crying for the head of Rockbridge, besides a note for \$1,000. The cutioner; that there are some five hundred of The prisoner, when arrested acknowledged his the accused, perhaps, some of whom are now guilt. The above is the substance of the testiin prison awaiting trial by order of Congress or mony given before the Mayor yesterday mornsays, and hang them, if you will, but you won't remanded for examination before the Hustings make me your Jack Ketch."

NEWS OF THE DAY To show the very age and body of the Times.

The recently passed loan bill is, very lar short of what is really necessary to ensure a specie standard; for though it prevents further expansion, it does not begin to come up to Mr. McCulloch's requirements in his policy for reduction of an expanded currency. Its only advantage is that it fixes a policy against increase of the present evil.

A correspondent, in Richmond, Va., writes a despondent letter as to the state of monetary affairs there saying ... There is plenty to do here, but nothing to do with. There is no money. Business men are offering from 10 to 12 per cent. with real estate security, but can get no accommodation even at that rate."

Mr. Henry Sneed committed suicide at his residence, in the Buckeyeland neighborhood, in Albemarle county, Va., on Monday last .-Mr. Sneed was a young man in the prime o life, and in good circumstances, but his mind had exhibited symptons of disorder for some

months past. A company has been formed of capitalists and scientific gentlemen in Charlottesville, who have purchased two hundred acres of mineral lands on the west side of the Blue Ridge, situated near the base of Turk's Mountain, and distant about six miles from Waynesboro, Augus-

Since the close of the war, the Treasury Department has received from thousands of correspondents sums of "conscience money," from one cent up to ten thousand dollars, amount ing in the aggregate to fifty thousand dollars.

Thos. Downing, the well-known colored caterer and oysterman, one of the "institutions' of New York for nearly fifty years, died in that city on Tuesday, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a rich man.

An additional victim to the horrible tragedy near Philadelphia, has been discovered. The body of the boy Cornelius Cary was found unmented on and discussed in many of the public der a hay stack, with his head crushed with a hammer, and throat cut.

Colonel B. G. Baldwin, of Richmond, superintendent of the National Express Company was robbed of one hundred and eighty dollars, which was taken from his room on Sunday evening last.

The Texas journals report over seven hundred cases of measles and other diseases in Austin and its vicinity, a large per centage of which have terminated fatally.

The Sheriff of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, was encountered on Thursday last, on the road near the Court House, by three armed negroes, and robbed of all his papers.

Quicksilver has advanced ten cents per pound n consequence of the trouble at New Almaden. | the Bishop, I felt truly refreshed in spirit, and Six of the rioters there have been arrested.

Dr. L. F. Klepstine, many years ago a member of the Maryland Legislature, died in Alle

The rite of confirmation was administered on Tuesday last in Richmond by Bishop Johns to thirty-two persons.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—The Senate Gen. Howard has written a letter to Gen. | yesterday concurred in the House amendments the "Soldier's Individual Memorial" to be carried through the mails at the usual rate of low the Secretary of the Treasury to remit any duties levied on produce shipped from any port of the U. S. to any port of the U. S. via Canada, if the said produce was actually in transitu when the late reciprocity treaty expired. A joint resolution was introduced and referred, proposing an amendment to the kept on the General Itinerant Superintendency: constitution. The remainder of the day was this must not be marred. devoted to the delivery of eulogies on the life and character of the late Senator Foot, of ticular to the title, but the name that would Vermont. Tributes to the deceased were please him most would be "Wesleyan Episcopal paid by Messrs. Poland. Johnson. Fessenden. Methodist Church." "We are," he added, paid by Messrs. Poland, Johnson, Fessenden, Brown, Summer, Pomeroy, Cragin, Edmunds,

and McDougal. The House passed the bill transferring a gunboat to the republic of Liberia, and also laity; he was willing to trust them. But there the Senate resolution prohibiting the sale of were difficulties attending its introduction .intoxicating liquors in the capitol building and | The wisest and best laymen should be in our The Richmond Enquirer says:— We are in all public buildings and grounds. The joint they should be so limited as not to interfere in resolution from the Senate was passed protesting against the pacdoning of crimicals by foreign | tain to the ministry, and should not be controlled governments on the condition that they emi- by local men. on the disagreeing votes on the bill to sell the marine hospitals made a report, and the bill was finally passed, as was also the Senate joint resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the tentperary relief of the destitute people of the District of Columbia, to be expended under accordingly submit these notes, with the little the direction of the commissioner of freedmen's | volume, which he desired should be handed to affairs. Eulogies on the late Senator Foot, of | your venerable body. Vermont, were delivered by Messrs. Woodbridge, Banks, Washburne of Illinois, and

ABSTRACTING FUNDS FROM HIS EMPLOYER. -Thomas V. Saniord, formerly employed at the banking house of Messrs. Thomas Branch Mayor Mayo yesterday morning to answer the offence. The accused hails from Westmore-Berkeley, of the value of \$800, had been abstracted from the safe, whereupon the fact was made known to the Chief of Police, and Capt. Russell Betts was dispatched to ascertain the particulars. From information received, sus- the prospects for a resumption of coal operations picion rested upon Sanford as the guilty person, and inquiries were made as to his whereabouts. It was soon ascertained that such a person had purchased a through ticket to Baltimore over the Fredericksburg route, and forthwith Capt. Betts took the train for Fredericksburg, where by every republican politician who comes to he found Sanford and took him in custody. Search was instituted, and upon his person Jefferson Davis at the head. Every radical, upon his arrival here says: "Why don't you try Jeff. Davis and hang him?" All the children Bank of Berkeley and \$90 in notes of the Bank of the rebel chief. The President replies to currency was the proceeds of \$325 in notes these importunities that he is not a public exe-which the prisoner had sold in Fredericksburg. of the United States Courts. Take them be ing, at the conclusion of which the accused was

Court. - Rich. Times.

General Conference of the M. E. Church South. PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. NEW ORLEANS, April 7 .- The minutes having been read, it was announced that the Baltimore delegation had arrived. Their names were then called by the Secretary, and they were introduced to the Conference by Bishop Paine, who congratulated them and the Conference on their appearance as members of the body.

Dr. Doggett, of Virginia, made a few remarks in reference to the late action of the Baltimore Conference in adhering to the Church South, in the midst of the difficulties of their position.

Rev. Norval Wilson, on behalf of the Baltimore delegation, stated that more credit perhaps had been awarded them for their action than they deserved. They had only redeemed solemn pledges made to their people years ago. They came into the Southern Church firmly believing that it more fully embodied all the

elements of genuine Wesleyan Methodism than any other Methodist Church on this continent. Dr. Deems, of North Carolina, expressed his profound gratitude to God that after all the trials through which the Church had passed, it was his privilege to behold this scene.

Dr. Doggett presented the following resolu-tion, which was adopted by a rising vote: Resolved, That we approve the action of Bishop Early in admitting the Baltimore Conference into the fellowship of the M. E. Church, South, and that we cordially receive and recognize the delegation elect from that Conference as members of this hear.

The Kentucky delegation also appeared and took their seats. Dr. T. B. Sargent, late of the East Balti-

more Conference, was introduced to the Conference. He said he had come home to stay home until he should go home. God had strangely set him free. He had been like Abraham, always journeying with his face to-wards the South. He rejoiced to have reached there at last.

Rev. John Poisal, of the Baltimore Conference, was also introduced, and gave a brief account of his life as a minister, and the providential movements by which he was led to take his place in the Southern Church.

Dr. Sargent and Mr. Poisal were then cordially invited by the Conference to occupy seats within the bar of the house. In connection with the foregoing proceedings

occurred the following: Rev. Dr. McFerrin presented the following communication from Bishop Soule, which was read by the Secretary, and ordered to be filed with the Conference papers.

To the Bishops and members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to assemble the first Wednesday in April, 1866:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: -- At the special request of the venerable Bishop Soule, our Superintendent, I visited him on the 12th of February last. He had been deeply afflicted for a few days, and thought in all probability it was his last sickness. I had visited him often during the year, and always found him the same gentle, meek-spirited christian—a man of great faith and full of hope and charity; but this was perhaps the most interesting interview I had ever had with this dearly beloved Minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though I was at the time feeble, going from a sick room to visit left greatly encouraged as a Christian and Christian Minister.

He presented to me a copy of the "letters" of the Rev. Wm. Beauchamp, with a "preface," written by the Bishop himself in 1818. He said "I request you to take this book to the General Conference, and request the 'pre'ace' to be read to the members composing that body, as indicating my views on the general itinerant system of our church. I had hoped but it is hope against hope, to be able to visit the approaching General Conference; but that hope is now gone. My late afflictions admonish me that it will be impossible to meet that body. I had greatly desired to be present at the session, which will be one of vast importance to the Church, but I have no expectation of being there." He then added, with his peculiar em-phasis: 'The Church must preserve her grand itinerant system inviolate, or we will be shorn of our strength; we will lose our power as a

He then remarked that he had noticed in the papers that a great many changes were proposed; that in all these we should move with caution and circumspection.

On the multiplication of Bishops he said: "Not a Bishop for every Conference. He would suggest a sufficient number to supervise the work thoroughly; but a steady eye must be

Name of the Church .- He "was not very par-"truly Wesleyan."

Class-meetings and love-feasts he thought could not be improved by legislation. Lay Representation,-He had no fears of the our pastoral and itinerant work. These apper-

The Extension of Pastoral Tenure .- Here he seemed to hesitate for a moment, and then said nothing should be done to interfere with our efficient itinerancy. These remarks I noted at the time, with the

understanding that the Bishop's views were to be communicated to the General Conference. I J. B. McFerren. February 13, 1866.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS .- The President's late proclamation seems to have been generally interpreted as restoring the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus to the States lately "in insurrection." This fact has again directed the public attention to Mr. Davis. On Tuesday, Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, offered a series of resolutions, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to bring bim and Mr. Clay to trial upon the charge of complicity with the assassins of Mr. Lincoln; and also upon the charge of treason. Against this effect, because: 1. It is in contravention of the present time. enjoyed a highly respectable movement of the Radicals, obviously designed reputation. During the examination he sat in to bring about the trial of Mr. Davis before a front of his Honor, with his head hung down, Military Commission, Mr. Raymond protested, hands clasped, and seemed immersed in the by offering resolutions requesting the President deepest depair. We understand that he occu- to take steps for the speedy trial of Mr. Davis, pied the responsible position of paymaster in upon the charge of treason, in the State of Fields' division of the Confederate army dur Virginia, "or in some other district in which ing the late war. The particulars of the affair he may be legally liable for trial." Mr. Rayare that, on Saturday last, upon investigation | mond proposed that these resolutions should of certain irregularities which have recently be at once put upon their passage; but Mr. occurred at Messrs. Branch & Co's establish- Thadeus Stevens, insisted that they should be ment, it was discovered that two packages of referred to the Judiciary Committee, and to notes of the Bank of Commerce and Bank of this Mr. Raymond, after some teeble remonstrance, consented. We presume that the Committee will make its report at an early day.

THE MARYLAND COAL BUSINESS, -Though were by no means flattering last week, some of store and for sale by KNOX & SMITH, the companies have made a satisfactory adjustment with the miners, and the strike may be considered substantially at an end. The employees at the Borden mines, we understand, went to work on Monday, and the probabilities are that the rest of the companies will begin shipping during the week. The adjustment was effected by a compromise between the agents and miners, and the mean between the price demanded and that offered was fixed bustle about our wharves .- Cumberland Alle-

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